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# City rallies for displaced family

Donations flood in for fire victims Officials say boy, 15, led younger siblings out of burning house



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A neighbour's house burned and the family's Christmas presents destroyed, Alice Kolendowski had a hard time shaking a certain thought from her head on Thursday morning.

"I keep on thinking about my own girls. I can't imagine those children losing their toys," Kolendowski, 29, said.

And so Kolendowski and her

sister went shopping, buying dolls, toy cars and clothing for the Jarvis family.

The sisters were far from alone in their effort. Banks, friends and strangers are rallying behind the cause — rebuilding the Christmas that Ryan and Jacinda Jarvis had planned for their three children.

Ryan, 37, said he's been "blown away" by the generosity. Hours after his home at 1794 Seymour Cres. went up in flames at about 4 p.m. on Wednesday, people started giving him money.

"Total strangers. I've got total strangers coming up and handing me cheques," he said. "I'm really impressed with the community."

With donated toys stacked on the trunk of a neighbour's car, Jarvis watched Thursday afternoon as fire officials began probing the cause of the blaze.

The house — windows blackened and insulation hanging out of rear windows — has been deemed structurally unsound, making the job difficult for inves-

### How to help

Donations for the Jarvis family can be made at CIBC branches. A fund has also been established through Libro Financial Group.

tigators.

London fire-prevention inspector Frank Galera said the Ontario fire marshal is handling the investigation. The blaze was reported as a fire in the back portion of the home, he said. Officials have

not determined if that's where it started.

Flames spread into the attic, Galera said, and caused damage throughout the house. The siding on at least one neighbouring home was melted.

Jarvis said the family, who moved to London from the Windsor area about two years ago, has several options for places to stay.

"All my Christmas gifts went up in flames," he said. "But the kids are all right. That's most important."

## Visions. Of sugarplums



► Stephen Smith, 50, of Toronto studies the festive window of Turnbull Flowers (484 Richmond St.) on Thursday afternoon. The shop took a first-place prize in Downtown London's holiday decorating contest. Turnbull won in the category for businesses that had a professional hand in their displays. Attic Books (240 Dundas St.) earned first place in the category for windows decorated by merchants themselves. People's-choice winners were Coffee Culture (260 Dundas St.) and Heroes (186 Dundas St.).

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It's a red-letter day for Christmas lovers — may yours be a merry one

# 1 news



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A driver has a terrifying near-miss with a jackknifing transport truck on a Russian highway. Watch at [metronews.ca/video](http://metronews.ca/video)

## Food drive. Christmas spirit



► Santa Claus lends a helping hand Thursday morning as donations from the Business Cares Food Drive roll into the London Food Bank.

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## A holly jolly end to the food drive

The fundraiser exceeded its goal with 256,000 pounds of food and \$180,000 collected. A last-minute surge pushed the drive over the top. Earlier in the week, organizers said the tally for food stood at less than 50 per cent of the goal.

# Occupy London cries foul on bylaw enforcement

► Members of the group are circulating a newsletter accusing city officials of selective enforcement ► Protesters showing support for the occupation are being targeted, they say



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Occupy London wants the city's chief bylaw officer to take one "on the chin."

Members of the group want Orest Katolyk to be fined for what they said violates a city bylaw: nailing a notice to a tree in Victoria Park. The notice was placed on the tree Nov. 8, telling the occupiers to pack up their tent city and go home.

Having tents in a park is a bylaw infraction and was the main reason city officials cited for evicting the occupiers. The point, occu-

piers say, is that the city enforces bylaws selectively.

"The issue is the double standard," Art James, a supporter of the movement said Thursday as a newsletter explaining their stance and showing a picture of Katolyk was passed out downtown. "We're coming back at them with their own medicine."

Ross Fair, the city's executive director of community services, issued a statement to Metro in response to the newsletter. It answers several questions occupiers ask in the flyer, saying there aren't double standards for city employ-

ees, that bylaws are enforced with an even hand and that the "personal attack" on Katolyk is "unfair and unwarranted."

"Mr. Katolyk exercised his discretion in posting the (eviction) notices in a way and in sufficient numbers that he could be satisfied that it was reasonable that all occupiers would see the notice," Fair wrote.

Tension between the city and Occupy London flared most recently on Tuesday when about 20 members of the group marched through downtown carrying a tent over their heads. The march was planned af-

ter Katolyk told occupiers they would be fined if they went ahead with a plan to place a tent in a parking space and hand out literature.

In the past, the city has allowed people to set up lawn chairs and information booths in parking spaces to create awareness about issues, occupiers say.

One person was fined more than \$500 during the Tuesday march because he was standing in a parking space. City officials have said that created a safety issue.

The fine, James said, was the "nail in the coffin."

## The bylaw

► Occupy London says Orest Katolyk, the city's bylaw enforcement manager, violated a regulation that says people in parks shall not "climb, break, peel bark from, cut, remove, burn, deface or otherwise damage any tree, shrub or bush, or pick, destroy or remove any flower, plant, roots, grass or rock" or "(post) any sign or poster on any tree, bush, or shrub."

"They will use any bylaw they can to quiet our right to protest," he said.

## 'I Love Boobies' bracelets cause stir

Bracelets supporting breast-cancer awareness have landed a student in trouble at St. Rita's Catholic School in Woodstock, Ont. The bracelets read "I Love Boobies" and Kelly Millson, 13,

has been put on in-school suspension over them.

His parents have urged him to wear it at school but he says he is not allowed to be in class or in the hallways. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Gourmet burger joint on TV

Wortley Village burger restaurant Relish will be featured on the new TV series You Gotta Eat Here! on Food Network Canada.

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## Police seek third stabbing suspect

Waterloo Regional Police are searching for a third suspect in a weekend stabbing death in Cambridge, Ont.

A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for 22-

year-old Larry William Seth of Hamilton.

He's facing a second degree-murder charge in the death of 22-year-old Joseph Batten of Cambridge.

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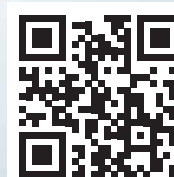
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► As we come to the end of our first calendar year at Metro London, we thought it would be fun to look back on some of our favourite covers of 2011 ► Thanks to everyone who contributed to Metro in the past year, and thanks of course to our readers ► Here's to a healthy and happy 2012!

JIM REYNO, METRO LONDON MANAGING EDITOR

# Front page all-stars



**1. APRIL 4:**

Our very first cover featured UFC contender Mark Hominick. We went to the Adrenaline Training Center at 1794 Dundas St., and Mark was gracious enough to sit for at least half an hour while Shelley Summers of dotsyetheclown.com painted our logo of his arm. The smirk on Mark's face helps make the shot.

**3. MAY 4:**

One thing made this cover special: The enthusiasm of the guitar-wielding Jillian Kiser. We were hoping for a playful action shot with a guitar, but Jillian took it to a whole new place. Airborne! I don't know what she's playing, but she sure looks like she means it.

**4. NOV. 11-13:**

For Remembrance Day, we originally wanted a veteran, perhaps a facial closeup or a saluting photo. Reporter/photographer Angela Mullins brought this pic back from a ceremony at Victoria Park, and it seems to say it all. A fitting tribute to our veterans.



**2. MAY 17:**

Our Lady Gaga editor-for-a-day campaign garnered international media attention. From what I understand, she immersed herself in the role: tweeting, checking Facebook, drinking coffee. Just like a real editor.

**5. DEC. 6:**

I would like to go drinking with this cat.





# Layton is Canada's Newsmaker of the Year

► Late NDP leader won overwhelming majority of votes in two surveys — one by editors and news directors and another by the public online

John Gilbert Layton wore dozens of different name tags in his decades of public service: activist, guitarist, father and, finally, leader of the official Opposition.

Most knew the NDP leader by another name: Jack.

No other Canadian dominated the headlines like Layton in 2011, making him the clear choice for Newsmaker of the Year by editors and news directors participating in the annual survey of newsrooms across the country by The Canadian Press.

Layton received 90 per cent of the votes — one of the most overwhelming margins in the 65-year history of the CP Newsmaker voting. The next closest was Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who received just five per cent of the vote totals.

Also earning votes were Canada's new female premiers, the protesters at the heart of the Occupy Canada movement, former auditor general Sheila Fraser and the Grande Prairie Composite Warriors football team.

"Jack Layton single-handedly shaped Canada's political narrative in 2011, from the decimation of the Bloc Quebecois, to the marginalization of the Liberal party, to the utter vacuum



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► No other Canadian dominated the headlines like Jack Layton in 2011.

left on Parliament Hill by his death," said Brodie Fennell, senior news editor, The Huffington Post Canada.

"We watched the drama of this scrappy underdog, cane in hand, pulling off an astonishing victory only to be felled months later before he could truly make something of it."

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## Cherry a distant second

► Layton claimed half of the online votes cast, with hockey commentator Don Cherry a distant second at 16 per cent. Prime Minister Stephen Harper garnered 10 per cent of the vote, narrowly edging the Occupy Canada protesters at 9.5 per cent.

► Stratford, Ont., pop sensation Justin Bieber, who made tabloid headlines earlier this year when a fan named him in a paternity suit that she later dropped, rounded out the top five with 3.4 per cent of the vote.

# Chretien gets \$200,000 compensation

The Federal Court has ordered Ottawa to pay \$200,000 to former Liberal prime minister Jean Chretien.

The money is compensation for legal fees Chretien incurred while he fought the findings of a federal inquiry into the sponsorship scandal.

The Federal Court agreed with Chretien in 2008 that Justice John Gomery had made inappropriate comments to the media about the former PM that compromised the process.

The federal government unsuccessfully appealed

that decision, and Chretien was awarded \$25,000 early this year for having to fight that round in the Federal Court of Appeal.

Chretien had said he spent \$300,000 for the initial Federal Court review of the conclusions written by Gomery in his 2005 report on the scandal.

The attorney general of Canada argued Chretien should only get \$36,205.20, but Judge Francois Lemieux used his discretion to award an amount above the usual guidelines for compensation.

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## IMPAIRED DRIVING

## Excuses that folks make ...

"I'm driving my drunk friends home. I've had less than all of them." That's one of the top excuses police have heard from impaired drivers this month.

The Insurance Corporation of B.C. put together the list to caution people on the best way to ensure a safe trip home from a holiday party.

"I can't be drunk ...

I'm the designated driver!" won't cut it, and neither will the other excuses police have heard: "I've only had a couple," "I can hold my liquor" and "I was only going two blocks."

ICBC says even a small amount of alcohol can cause impairment, and no matter how close a person is to home, they should think twice about drinking and driving.

The company says CounterAttack roadblocks will be up across the province during the holidays and no excuse will work if a person is driving while impaired.

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## Zoo raises polar bear by hand

A Danish zoo says a month-old polar bear cub is being raised by humans after his mother failed to produce enough milk to feed him.

Scandinavian Wildlife Park manager Frank Vigh-Larsen says Siku is doing "really fine."

Vigh-Larsen said Thursday that the cub was two days old when he was removed from his mother after surveillance video inside

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The cub now weighs 7 pounds. He was 3 pounds at birth

the bear cave revealed that he "was moaning and being unruly all the time."

Vigh-Larsen says Siku would have been in danger of death if he had stayed with his mother.

Three people are giving round-the-clock care to the cub at the zoo in Kolind, 170 kilometres northwest of Copenhagen.

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# TSX regulator plans to expedite enforcement

► Ottawa can have national regulator with support of all provinces ► Quebec, Alberta and B.C. not on board

Canada's largest stock market watchdog is moving ahead with plans to speed up enforcement and says it will be business as usual with other provinces after the Supreme Court scrapped a planned national securities regulator.

Ontario Securities Commission chairman Howard Wetston said Thursday the regulator is focused on the best interests of its own investors and companies, though it will review a Supreme Court ruling that quashed the federal plan.

The regulator of Canada's dominant stock exchange — the TSX — has been developing new rules aimed at speeding up enforcement for securities law cases such as insider trading that drag on for years.

"We are currently dealing with important policy, enforcement, market infrastructure and other matters that will require our full commitment," Wetston said in a statement.

The Supreme Court turned down Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's plan as unconstitutional, which effectively puts an end to a years-long push for a unified body to oversee capital markets. But the court acknowledged Ottawa has a role in addressing systemic risk to the financial system.

Ontario supported the idea of a national regulator as home to the TSX. Several provinces said they would work to strengthen the current passport system where participating provinces recognize securities filings in

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other jurisdictions.

Canada is the only country in the G20 without a national securities regulator.

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## Hitch. Hiker



► A man tries to catch a ride to Namur, Belgium, while trade-union members block a main boulevard in Brussels on Thursday. A 24-hour pre-Christmas public-sector strike to protest pension reform hit rail, road and bus traffic across Belgium.

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## Protest hinders holiday travellers

Holiday strikes to protest austerity measures paralyzed ground traffic in Belgium, delayed flights in Paris and promised days of headaches for Christmas travellers around Europe.

**\$1,000** The domain names cost taxpayers nearly \$1,000 to hold for two years.

## Saskatoon scoops .xxx domains

The City of Saskatoon has bought six internet domain names ending in .xxx, created earlier this year for the

adult entertainment industry. The city says it's all about protecting its brand and image. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## THE METRO LIST

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**1 Royal wedding:** Two billion people watched Will and Kate tie the knot — and Pippa Middleton's derriere become world famous.

**2 Steve Jobs:** The visionary Apple co-founder died at age 56, having led a dramatic cultural and technological transformation.

**3 Lindsay Lohan:** Lohan salvaged a terrible year with the law — and her career — by appearing on Playboy's bestselling cover (which also made Playboy relevant again).

**4 Lady Gaga:** She arrived at the Grammys being carried in a huge egg. Which is what you do when you're trying really hard to be cool.

**5 Ashton Kutcher & Demi Moore:** They break up — and in keeping with relationship etiquette in the Social Media Age, unfollow each other on Twitter.

**6 Kim Kardashian:** The woman famous for no reason has a marriage that only lasts 72 days for some reason. Oh yeah — it was her naked yoga instructor.

**7 Weinergate:** Congressman Anthony Weiner tweets a photo of his penis by mistake, resulting in countless "wiener" jokes, a scandal — and, naturally, his resignation.

**8 Margaret Atwood:** A public feud between Atwood and Toronto city councillor Doug Ford (Mayor Rob's older bro) leads to a cheeky "Atwood for Mayor" campaign.

**9 Amy Winehouse:** Joins the "27 club," a group of seminal musicians like Kurt Cobain, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and Jim Morrison who died at age 27.

**10 Martha Stewart:** Martha Stewart tweets, "Do you think I am hip?" That's one of the tweets of the year.

**11 Kate Gosselin:** Her reality show is cancelled, and her kids now live in peace. As one blog noted, "(The kids) know not the craven greed machine they were plugged into."

**12 Tim Tebow:** The devout Christian NFL QB with an unorthodox throwing style who people keep saying will fail just keeps winning. And Tebowmania and "Tebowing" goes viral.

**13 Charlie Sheen:** After getting fired from Two and a Half Men, the troubled Sheen launches a bizarre Violent Torpedo Of Truth tour. Thankfully, he's off whatever Kool-Aid he was on.

**14 @bronzocobra:** A cobra escapes a zoo and someone creates a hilarious Twitter account that goes viral, tweeting its time on the run. (Other awesome Twitter accounts like @S-tGirlsSay also go viral this year.)

**15 Piers Morgan:** Morgan replaces the legendary Larry King on CNN but has the makings of a legend himself with his intelligent hardball-with-a-cheeky-grin Q & A style.

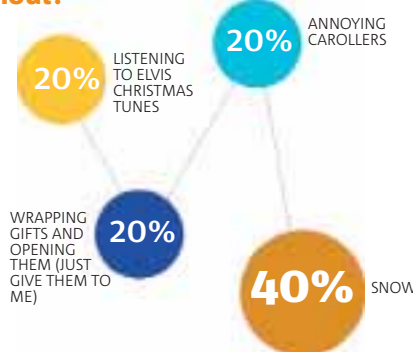
**16 Kissing Couple:** During the riots in Vancouver, post-NHL final, an image of a couple lying on a tear-gas-filled street having a tender kiss with riot police around gets circulated throughout the world — becoming one of 2011's iconic images.

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What holiday tradition could you do without?



### Local tweets



► @BSMMarket: Happy Thursday #ldnont !! Anyone else feel like they've unintentionally moved to London England?

► #greenchristmas #dreary #bo-urns

► @KathyMdwntown: Last work day in 2011! Grateful for the chance to work with local entrepreneurs who contribute much to #ldnont economy.

► @patsquirrel: Happy Holidays to everyone leaving #ldnont. I never leave. #omniscient #uwwo

► @LeGiff: Hey #ldnont Jeffy B

& me are at the Richmond Tavern on King whoopin' it up for X-mas. Come watch us get our moves by Jager (Meister)

► @Evolving: ...paid my rent and set up hydro for my new apt in the village! Yay! #ldnont

► @weissnatalia: I'm finally coming home for #Christmas #ldnont

► @edjackman: It never ceases to amaze me...just how great the people are in #LDNont Very proud to be a part of this community.

► @jwestelaken: Off to downtown London for some last minute shopping. Covent Garden Market, Jills Table and Novacks are on our list of stops. #ldnont



## Goalie and 'fan' clash on pitch

AMSTERDAM. Film buffs will say he took those moves straight out of 2001 martial-arts/sports movie mashup Shaolin Soccer. This striking image shows goalie Esteban Alvarado Brown, right, of AZ Alkmaar retaliate as he is attacked by a football hooligan during the Dutch cup match between Ajax and AZ Alkmaar.

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"He walked to (the hooligan) and kicked him multiple times."

BAS NIJHUIS, REFEREE,  
ON WHY HE SENT OFF ALVARADO



## How the kung fu soccer unfolded

TIMELINE. The drunk Ajax "fan," 19, invaded the pitch and launched a flying kick towards the Costa Rican goalkeeper. Alvarado lashed out a series of his own kicks before security dragged the supporter away. After the goalie was given a red card for misconduct, Alkmaar's angry coach Gertjan Verbeek ordered his team to leave the pitch. ● METRO WORLD NEWS

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# Keeping a tab on technology

Flat, hard packages will be welcome this year. Tablet computers are extremely popular, and electronic reading devices such as the Kindle have matured and come down in price.

Which one to get? That's mostly a matter of your budget.

If you have more than \$300 to spend, go for one of these full-size tablets. They have colour screens that are about nine inches diagonally, and they have built-in cameras.

## Apple 16GB iPad 2 (\$498.99 at Future Shop)

The device that made tablet computing mainstream still reigns, out-selling all others combined. It's thinner than competing tablets and has access to an unparalleled array of applications: Half a million, of which 140,000 are adapted for the iPad's 9.7-inch screen.

That means more good games, more useful reference apps and more entertainment options. The range of third-party book apps also means the iPad beats dedicated e-readers at their own game by giving users the ability to read books purchased from any store.

## Sony S1 16GB Tablet (\$399.99 at Best Buy)

There are a slew of tablets from Samsung, Sony, LG and other manufacturers built around Google Inc.'s Android software. From a hardware standpoint, they are not much different from the iPad, though most of them are thicker.

The Tablet S stands out by including an infrared



\* A model plays a game on Sony's new Tablet S during a launch event in Tokyo.



\* The new Barnes & Noble Nook Tablet.



\* The Apple iPad 2.



\* The Amazon Kindle Touch 3G.

emitter, which makes it usable as a large universal remote control. It has a 9.4-inch screen, slightly smaller than the iPad's. It runs the latest version of Android, which is specially designed for tablets and is slick.

## ASUS 10.1" Eee Pad Transformer, 16GB (\$346 at Wal-Mart)

The Transformer is a rea-

sonably priced Android tablet that doubles as a "netbook," or small laptop, if you buy an accessory keyboard dock for \$109. The keyboard has a touchpad, extra ports and an additional power pack, which prolongs battery life.

## For those willing to travel

If you only want to spend \$200 US to \$250 US, go for

one of these e-reader/tablet hybrids, but they aren't yet available in Canada. They add movies, games and other applications to the e-reader's capabilities, so they are not just for bookworms.

## Amazon Kindle Fire (\$199 US)

The Fire is Amazon's first colour Kindle. It runs a highly modified, user-

friendly version of Android. The selection of apps is smaller than for other Android tablets, however.

## Barnes & Noble Nook Tablet (\$249 US)

The bookstore's answer to the Kindle Fire is an updated version of last year's Nook Color, a solid and successful e-reader. The Tablet has more memory than the Color or the Kindle Fire.

If your budget is limited to \$150, you will be tempted by some low-end colour tablets. But giving one away is like giving away a lump of coal: The colour touch screens that go into sub-\$200 devices look bad and have problems responding to fingers.

Instead, get one of these lightweight, quality e-readers with black-and-white "electronic ink" screens for the bookworm in your life

## Amazon Kindle Touch 3G (\$149 US)

Amazon still has a variety of monochrome Kindles, including its first touch-screen model. The screen is more legible than colour screens in bright daylight and uses very little power. But it's slow to respond, making navigation tedious.

## Barnes & Noble Nook Simple Touch (\$99 US)

This slim, light e-reader is very similar to the \$99 non-3G Kindle Touch. Barnes & Noble's version has two advantages: It doesn't display advertising, and it can load books from other bookstores, including Google Books. It can't load Kindle books, though.

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## Masi 2007 Costasera Amarone Classico (\$38.95-\$49.99)

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spirit — designed by Ghostbuster Dan Aykroyd — will add some seasonal magic to any vodka cocktail.

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## Synopsis

Since first being published in December 1843 Charles Dickens's story of Ebenezer Scrooge's emotional transformation from hoarder to Ho Ho-er has been presented in many forms. A Christmas Carol has been adapted into opera, ballet, a Broadway musical and even a mime show starring Marcel Marceau. On film there have been at least 28 versions of the story and dozens more for television. This week the Reel Guys have a look at the best big screen versions of the classic story.



► A Christmas Carol remains a popular story to put to film — with at least 28 versions out there.

## Reel Guys

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# Bah, humbug!

- Sim, Murray and Carrey have all played the miser who finds redemption
- Crouse and Breslin debate the best movie version of A Christmas Carol

**Richard:** Mark, there is only one must-see out of all the dozens of film and TV versions of the Charles Dickens classic and that's the 1951 Alastair Sim version. Nearly perfect in every way, it is a tale of redemption that confirms the fundamental spiritual nature of Christmas itself. In other words, it makes us feel good. Accept no substitutes. If, however, you've already seen it this year or you're allergic to black and white movies, there are alternatives.

**MB:** Richard, you are so right. The movie HAS to be in black and white to

make us feel the spirit of Dickensian deprivation. It's the classic. But growing up in a Jewish household, it didn't have any importance to me as a child. I discovered it much later, and was transfixed by its narrative power and perfectly gloomy mood. May I contrast this with the Jim Carrey version? Now that's a movie with no sense of mystery, and a buffoonish interpretation of the lead character. I feel sorry for children who grow up with this bloated, CGI-laden excuse for a classic. Richard, please don't tell me you like it!

**RC:** Before I saw the Jim Carrey version of A Christmas Carol I wondered why remake a story that has been done so often and so well in the past. I've seen it and I'm still wondering. The weirdly lifeless animation was creepy, akin to a Christmas story performed by zombies.

**MB:** Let me praise Bill Murray's version Scrooged. It's far from authentic, light years away from Dickens, but it makes its points in a very modern way. Bill Murray is great in it, and the writing is sharp and satirical. Setting it in the milieu of the television industry

obviously changes the mood of the original, but as long as you see the movie as an interesting and successful riff upon the original story, and not as a substitute for it, it's a great movie for the season.

**RC:** I agree. It's become a must see for me every year. Although I don't have to see The Muppets Christmas Carol every year, it is a treat to see Michael Caine as Scrooge. I also like the musical Scrooge with Albert Finney in the lead.

**MB:** I've never seen it! I sure hope they gave Tiny Tim a tap solo.

## Scene in brief



If you're experiencing a joy overload on Christmas Day, revel in some apocalyptic fare at the movie theatre. The Darkest Hour opens Dec. 25. The film follows five people in Moscow fighting an alien race who have attacked Earth via our power supply.

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**We Bought a Zoo****Genre:** Comedy**Director:** Cameron Crowe**Stars:** Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson, Thomas Haden Church

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Cameron Crowe might not seem on surface the first choice for a family friendly comedy, but a closer look

at his work — from Almost Famous to Jerry Maguire — proves otherwise. Crowe's pictures almost always deal with family situations, mostly unorthodox, but always gripped by truth and sentimentality. His adaptation of the bestselling book, We Bought a Zoo, is really just

another Crowe joint: melancholy yet joyous, optimistic and truthful. Matt Damon is in fine form as the still-aching widow who moves his two children to a dilapidated country zoo and he's matched by Scarlett Johansen as a feisty zookeeper.

🌐 **CHRIS ALEXANDER**

**War Horse****Genre:** Drama**Director:** Steven Spielberg**Stars:** Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson

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A book-turned-play-turned Steven Spielberg epic, War Horse is a manipulated but multilayered

telling of the First World War through the eyes of a tempestuous thoroughbred. Combining several characters from both sides of the battle,

Spielberg overextends his focus on sentimentality but as he's proved in

Saving Private Ryan, nobody crafts cinematic combat scenes better and the auteur succeeds most notably with a stunningly filmed cavalry charge that outlines the harrowing carnage of war.

🌐 **STEVE GOW**

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# Top 5 actors to watch next year...

## DOUGLAS BOOTH

► Could the role of Romeo in the latest Romeo and Juliet turn Booth into another Leonardo DiCaprio? With a second starring role alongside Disney princess-turned-stoner Miley Cyrus in LOL..., well, look at the kid's hair. It's a little like Leo.



## MICHAEL FASSBENDER

► We're not going to hide our partiality to this Irish-German export, 34, who was ubiquitous in 2011 with an impressive four releases, including X-Men: First Class and Jane Eyre. His upcoming spy flick with director Steven Soderbergh, Haywire (Jan. 20), combined with all the awards-season buzz he's been getting for his performance in 2011's Shame will propel Fassbender to A-List by the time his sci-fi film Prometheus, a semi-sequel to Alien, is released in the summer (June 8).



## CHRIS DIAMANTOPOULOS

► We finally learned how to spell Galifianakis, so it's about time another comedic actor with an impossibly lengthy Greek last name take the scene by storm. Audiences first got to meet D-what's-his-face on the American sitcom Up All Night but the Greco-Canadian actor will get even more exposure this spring (April 13) with the release of The Three Stooges, in which he plays Moe, the only Stooge with a passable haircut.

## TAYLOR KITSCH

► The Friday Night Lights star appears in two huge movies this summer: the sci-fi epic John Carter, set on Mars, and Battleship, a sci-fi version of the popular board game. Finally, he'll be known for something more than his abs.



## JOSH HUTCHERSON

► This 19-year-old actor has been working steadily in Hollywood, but it'll be the March 23 release of the highly anticipated film adaptation of The Hunger Games that makes him a star. While we can't prom-

ise he'll be the next Robert Pattinson — sorry, RPatz will always have a special vampire lair in our hearts — the series' rabid fanbase will give Hutcherson a fast pass to megastardom. Especially because it's a romantic lead. (For younger kids, he's also in 2012's Journey 2: The Mysterious Island.)

## RICHARD ROEPER

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**Down the Road Again** (PG) Fri 9 Sat 5 Mon 9  
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**Like Crazy** (14A) Fri 1 Mon 3 Tue 9 Thu 5:15

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**The Way** (14A) Fri 5 Sat 1 Mon-Tue 5 Wed 3:10 Thu 3

**White Christmas** (PG) Sat 7

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**The Adventures of Tintin 3D** (PG) Fri 1:10-3:40 7:20-9:40 Sat 1:10-3:40 Sun 3:40-7:20 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:40 7:20-9:40

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) Fri 1:20-3:30 7:10 Sat 1:20-3:30 Sun 3:30-7:10 Mon-Thu 1:20-3:30 7:10

**Arthur Christmas** (G) Fri Sat 1:10-3:50

**The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (18A) Fri 12:45-4:7:30 Sat 12:45-4 Sun 4:7:30 Mon-Thu 12:45-4:7:30

**Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG) Fri 12:55-3:55 7:10-9:50 Sat 12:55-3:55 Sun 3:55-7:10 Mon-Thu 12:55-3:55 7:10-9:50

**New Year's Eve** (PG) Fri 7:05-9:40

**Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG) Fri 1:25-4:10 6:55-9:35 Sat 1:25-4:10 Sun 4:10-6:55 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:10 6:55-9:35

**War Horse** (PG) Sun 3:45-6:50 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:50-9:45

**We Bought a Zoo** (PG) Fri 1:30-5:05-9:40 Sat 1:30-5:05 Sun 3:50-7:05 Mon-Thu 1:30-5:05-9:40

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**The Adventures of Tintin** (PG) Sat 12:40 Mon-Thu 12:40

**The Adventures of Tintin 3D** (PG) Fri 6:50-9:30 Sat 3:20-6:50 Sun-Thu 3:20-6:50-9:30

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) Fri 7:15-9:40 Sat 1:30-3:07-7:15 Sun 3:30-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:30-3:07-7:15-9:40

**The Darkest Hour 3D** (PG) Sun 4:10-7:20-10:10

Mon-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:10

**The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (18A) Fri 7:30 Sat 12:20-3:50 7:30 Sun 3:50-7:30 Mon-Thu 12:20-3:50 7:30

**Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG) Fri 7:40-10:05 Sat 12:30-3:40 7:40 Sun 3:40-7:10-10:05 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:40 7:10-10:05

**The Muppets** (G) Sat 12:30

**New Year's Eve** (PG) Fri 7:20-10:10 Sat 1:10-4:10-7:20

**Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG) Fri 6:40-9:50 Sat 12:10-3:15-6:40 Sun 3:15-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 12:10-3:15-6:40-9:50

**The Sitter** (14A) Fri 6:30-9:45 Sat 6:30

**War Horse** (PG) Sun 3:10-6:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 12:30-6:30-9:45

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**Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) Fri 4:50-7:20-9:40 Sat 12:25-4:50-7:20 Sun 4:50-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 12:25-4:50-7:20-9:40

**The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (18A) Fri 3:05-6:30-10 Sat 11:45-3:05-6:30 Sun 3:10-6:30-10 Mon-Thu 11:45-3:05-6:30-10 Fri 3:40-7:10-10:25 Sat 12:20-3:40-7:10-10:25 Mon-Thu 12:20-3:40-7:10-10:25

**Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri 4:7:30-10:35 Sat 12:50-4:7:30 Sun 4:7:30-10:35 Mon-Thu 12:50-4:7:30-10:35

**Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG) Fri 3:30-6:50-10:10 Sat 12:20-3:30-6:50 Sun 3:30-6:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:50-10:10 Fri 4:10-7:30-10:55 Sat 12:50-4:10-7:30 Sun 4:10-7:30-10:55 Mon-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:55

**New Year's Eve** (PG) Fri 4:10-7:40-10:45 Sat 1:40-7:40-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:40-7:40-10:45

**Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG) Fri 3:50-7:10-10:25 Sat 12:40-3:50-7:10 Sun 3:50-7:10-10:25 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:25 Fri 3:10-6:30-9:30 Sat 11:50-3:10-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 11:50-3:10-6:30-9:30

**We Bought a Zoo** (PG) Fri 3:40-7:50 Sat 12:30-3:40-7:50 Sun 3:40-7:50 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:40-7:50

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**The Adventures of Tintin: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) Fri Sat 11:30-5 Sun 5 Mon-Thu 11:30-5

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) Fri 12:10-1:10-2:30-3:30-4:50-5:50-8:15 Sat 11:40-1:05-2:05-3:30-4:30-5:50-8:15 Sun 3:30-4:05-6:40 Mon-Thu 11:40-12:40-2:05-3:05-4:30-5:40-8:15

**Arthur Christmas** (G) Fri Sat 11:50 Sun 4:25 Mon-Thu 11:50-2:35-5:40

**Arthur Christmas 3D** (G) Fri 2:35-5:15-7:55-10:20 Sat 2:35-5:15-7:55

**The Darkest Hour 3D** (PG) Sun 3:50-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20

**The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (18A) Fri 12:30-4:7:30-10:55 Sat 12:30-4:7:30 Sun 3:15-6:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15

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**Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG) Fri 1:47-10 Sat 1:47 Sun 4:7:10-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:47-10:05

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**The Muppets** (G) Fri 12:05-2:45-5:25-8:10-10:50 Sat 12:05-2:45-5:25-8:10

**New Year's Eve** (PG) Fri 11:30-2:15-5:10-8:05-10:55 Sat 11:30-2:15-5:10-8:05 Sun 3:35-6:55-10 Mon-Thu 11:30-2:15-5:10-8:05-10:55

**Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG) Fri 1:45-4:45-7:10-10:45 Sat 1:40-4:55-6:55-7:45 Sun 3:35-6:35-7:05-9:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:55-6:55-8:10-11

**The Sitter** (14A) Fri 10:30 Sun 9:25 Mon-Thu 10:45

**War Horse** (PG) Sun 3:25-7:10-10:25 Mon-Thu 12:15-3:40-7:05-10:40

**We Bought a Zoo** (PG) Fri 1:40-4:35-7:35-10:25 Sat 1:40-4:35-7:35 Sun 3:55-7:10-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:05-4:15-7:25-10:25

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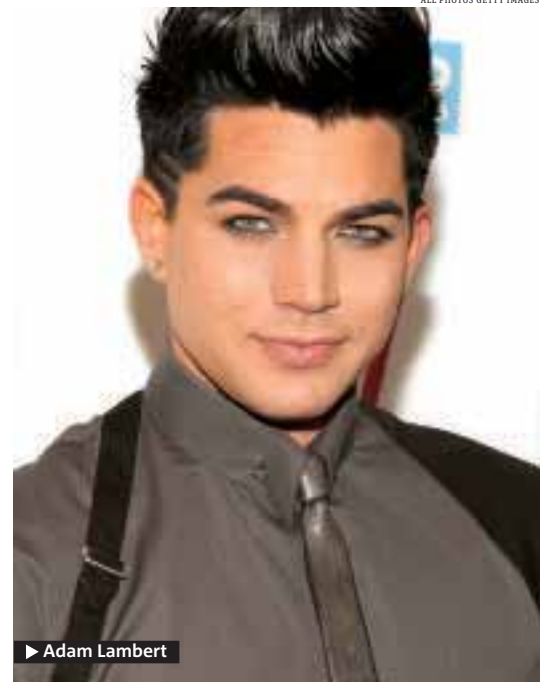


Well, this is awesome: Former American Idol star Adam Lambert was arrested and briefly jailed in Finland after reportedly getting into a gay bar brawl with his boyfriend, Finnish Big Brother star Sauli Koskinen, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

Lambert is in Helsinki to spend Christmas with Koskinen's family, and the couple was out drinking with Finnish beauty queen and ex-Miss Helsinki Sofia Ruusila when an argument between the two men turned violent, causing them to be kicked out of the bar.

Their fight continued in the street, where Lambert reportedly hit Ruusila by mistake, she told a Finnish entertainment channel. Lambert and Koskinen were arrested and questioned for several hours before being released Thursday afternoon.

Finnish beauty queens, gay bar fights, jail time — and here you thought you'd have an interesting Christmas break if your mother had two glasses of wine instead of her usual one. Adam Lambert for the win!



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As sure as the Grinch stole Christmas, it's a given that we'll all receive a bottle of wine over the holiday season.

In my house, I pick the wines that go with Xmas dinner so anything that shows up at the door goes into the wine rack for future enjoyment.

Of course, considering how my family can plow through my wine selection, it would be nice if more of the freebies came with a roast turkey match in mind.

For reds, bring a plump New World pinot noir from California or Canada, a chocolaty old vines zinfandel (also from Cali.) or, for a slightly unconventional Old World partner, a Crianza or Reserva from Spain's Rioja region.

On the white side, think a not so oaky chardonnay from Australia or Chile, a German riesling or a rich, multi-blend like the ripe, refreshing cornucopia of grape flavours (five in all) that is California's Caymus 2009 Conundrum (\$23.95 - \$29.99). Happy holidays!

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# Happy healthy holidays

► This Beef Wellington contains just 11 grams of fat and 328 calories

### Preparation:

- Heat oven to 190 C (375 F). Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Season beef with salt, pepper.
- In sauté pan over medium-high, heat oil. When just smoking, add beef. Brown all sides, 1 to 2 minutes per side. Once browned, remove and place on a rack to rest.
- Add garlic to pan and cook until browned, 20 seconds. Add sliced mushrooms and onion. Cook until soft and all liquid has evaporated, 10 mins. Season with salt and pepper and add 10 ml (2 tsp) of the thyme.
- Set aside 50 ml (1/4 cup) of mushroom-onion mix. Transfer rest to food processor and pulse to roughly chop. Transfer to bowl and refrigerate 5 mins. Once slightly cooled, add spinach and egg whites and mix well.
- In bowl, stir pancake mix with about 75 ml (1/3 cup) water to moisten and make dough that holds but is not sticky. On lightly floured surface, roll dough to a thin rectangle 5 cm (2 inches) longer than the beef roast. Place beef on dough. Spoon spinach



► This recipe serves eight.

and mushroom mix on top and sides of beef and pat down tightly. Fold dough up and over top of beef and spinach and crimp seams together.

- Place meat, seam side down, on baking sheet. Cut slits in top. Bake 40 mins. or until centre registers 60 C (140 F). Remove, cover with foil and let rest 10 mins.
- Place 2 porcini chunks in a spice grinder and grind to powder. Place mushroom powder, remaining

whole porcini chunks and shredded jerky in a microwave-safe bowl with 500 ml (2 cups) water. Microwave until water is simmering. Let sit for 5 minutes and repeat.

- Pour Madeira into small saucepan over medium heat; boil 5 mins. or until reduced by half. Pour dried mushroom and beef broth through mesh strainer into Madeira while pushing on jerky and mushrooms to extract liquid. Remove pieces of porcini, roughly

### Ingredients:

- 900 g (32 oz) beef tenderloin, trimmed of fat
- Salt and black pepper
- 7 ml (1/2 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 285 g (10 oz) mushrooms
- 250 ml (1 cup) diced onion
- 12 ml (2 1/2 tsp) thyme
- 1 pkg (284 g/10 oz) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 2 egg whites, beaten
- 400 ml (1 2/3 cups) Bisquick Heart Smart Pancake and Baking Mix
- 5 chunks dried porcini mushrooms
- 22 ml (3/4 oz) beef jerky, finely shredded
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) Madeira
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) arrowroot powder
- 10 ml (2 tsp) soy sauce

chop; set aside. Discard jerky. Bring broth-Madeira mix to boil.

- In bowl, combine arrowroot and 60 ml (4 tbsp) cold water. Mix and add to simmering sauce. Cook and stir until sauce thickens. Add soy sauce, remaining thyme, reserved porcini and mushroom-onion mix. Season with salt, pepper. Slice roast into 8 slices and serve with sauce.

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### Tenderloin Tip



In order for this to be the best tasting Beef Wellington, the cut of meat is very important.

When you head to your local butcher or meat counter, be sure to specify that you want a centre-cut tenderloin.

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## sports

### Quoted



**"This year is a whole new group of guys, new faces, new team and everything like that. There's enough motivation just being here. We're all here to win gold and that's the bottom line."**

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► Toronto's Jamaal Magloire battles for the ball with Boston's Jermaine O'Neal in a pre-season game last Sunday.

## Few expect much from the Raptors

► Most experts peg Toronto to finish at or near the bottom of the NBA

The predictions are in and they're not pretty.

The NBC Sports website predicts the Toronto Raptors will finish in last place this season with just 18 wins. The CBS Sports website has Toronto in the basement in its NBA power rankings. SI.com was slightly more kind, ranking the Raptors 29th in the 30-team league.

Drop five dollars in Las Vegas on the Raptors to win the championship and you'll cash out for a cool grand if they actually did it.

To say expectations are low for Canada's only NBA

team would be a grand understatement. This is a club that plans to give its young players as many minutes as possible with its eye firmly locked on the future.

New head coach Dwane Casey will have his work cut out for him in what has already been declared a rebuilding campaign — or as he and general manager Bryan Colangelo like to call it, a "building" season.

In previous years, stars like Damon Stoudemire, Tracy McGrady, Vince Carter and Chris Bosh were the feature players on the club. This season, there is no easy choice as the face

of the franchise.

The roster is a collection of youngsters with potential and some decent veterans who will be counted on to provide guidance on court and in the locker-room. A team-first mentality is in place with a focus on strengthening the club's foundation.

Expect youngsters like DeMar DeRozan, Amir Johnson and Ed Davis to see plenty of minutes and crunch-time action as they soak up as much experience as possible. They're considered key building blocks for the Raptors, who are coming off a weak

22-60 season.

Andrea Bargnani provided some offensive spark last season with a career-high average of 21.4 points per game. However, his blocks (46) were down significantly and he had 150 fewer rebounds than the previous year.

The pressure will be on the No. 1 pick from the 2006 draft to deliver under Casey's defence-first philosophy. Toronto native Jamaal Magloire may not see a ton of minutes but he'll give the Raptors some much-needed toughness under the glass.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## World junior gold 'earned, not given'

Canada is again a contender for gold at the world junior hockey championship, but the host country will have to fight off stiff challenges from the United States, Russia and Sweden.

Canada opens the 2012 world junior tournament Sunday in Edmonton against Finland, a dark horse in the race for gold.

Canadian teams have reached the final of this tournament every year for the last decade and won half of them. Fair or not, Canadians have come to depend on seeing their country in the championship game.

So the biggest challenge Canada's 2012 edition faces is avoiding a sense of entitlement in this tournament.

On the back of the players' T-shirts during selection camp in Calgary earlier this month was the slogan "earned, not given."

"There's no rule that we deserve gold every year," Canadian head coach Don Hay said. "Other countries want it too and there's other countries that believe they play the right way."

After a run of five straight gold, Canada lost in overtime to the U.S. in the 2010 final in Saskatoon and spectacularly collapsed in the 2011 final in Buffalo, N.Y., when Russia scored five unanswered goals in the third period to win 5-3.

But to call Canada's campaign this year

"redemption" is unfair because 18 of the 22 players on this year's team did not play in Buffalo. That label could perhaps be applied to goaltender Mark Visentin, who was in net against Russia. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Bills in talks to add more Toronto games

► Owner Wilson says Rogers Communications Inc. would like to reduce ticket prices after next year's trips to T.O.

The Buffalo Bills have held talks to continue playing annual games in Toronto. And quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick isn't going anywhere, but needs more talent around him.

Those were among the messages Bills owner Ralph Wilson delivered during an

interview with The Associated Press on Thursday.

Speaking from his home in suburban Detroit, Wilson said the Bills and Rogers Communications Inc. have held talks to renew the team's series north of the border, and is optimistic an extension will be

reached before the current five-year deal expires after next season.

"Oh yeah, we want to renew it. We were talking to them recently, and they want to renew it," Wilson said. "I think that Buffalo can have a very successful franchise embracing

Rochester, Buffalo and Toronto as we move forward."

Without going into specifics on the terms of a potential new deal, Wilson said one of Rogers' key conditions is lowering ticket prices. He said the communications giant acknowl-

edged ticket prices had been too high, averaging around \$180 US per seat.

The ticket prices led to series organizers having difficulty selling out games at the 54,000-seat Rogers Centre.

Reducing ticket revenue also has the potential of

lowering the price tag of a new deal after Rogers paid \$78 million to have the Bills play eight games, including five annual regular-season games.

A Rogers spokeswoman said the company had nothing to announce at this time. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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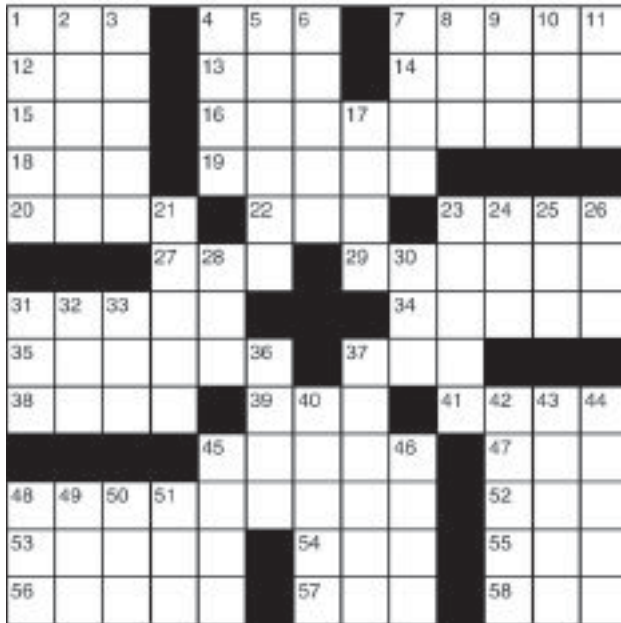
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## Across

- 1 Hot tub  
4 Physicist's deg.  
7 Cut in two  
12 Chop  
13 Scrooge's cry  
14 Crosswise, nautically  
15 Historic time  
16 Four-line verses  
18 Atmosphere  
19 Seafood entree  
20 Dog bane?  
22 Very long time  
23 Former frosh  
27 Needlefish  
29 There  
31 Perfect  
34 Perspectives  
35 With 48-Across, "Family Feud" material  
37 Bankroll  
38 Oliver Twist's request  
39 Clean Air Act org.  
41 Send forth  
45 Pilfered  
47 Inseparable  
48 See 35-Across  
52 "Monty Python" opener  
53 Pianist Eubie  
54 Young seal  
55 Prepared  
56 Disrobe  
57 Pigpen  
58 Attempt

## Down

- 1 Wheat bundle  
2 Danger  
3 Cognizant  
4 Cookouts, for short  
5 UFO, maybe  
6 Guitarist once wed to Xavier Cugat  
7 Difficult  
8 "The — Daba Hon-eymoon"  
9 Island garland  
10 Forefront  
11 Typog-raphy units  
17 Broadway prize  
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24 "— on a Grecian Urn"  
25 Church seat  
26 Storefront sign abbr.



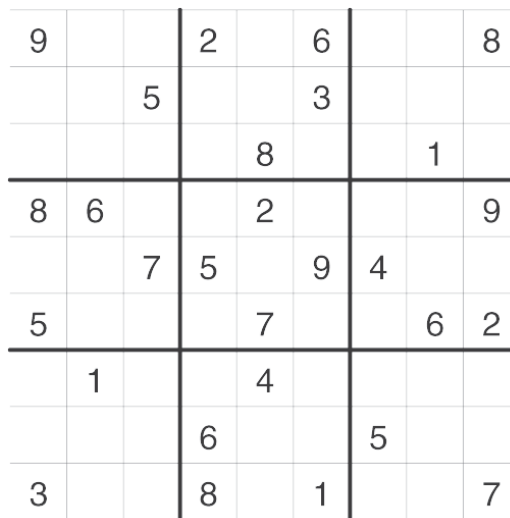
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33 Mess up  
36 Abominable Snowman  
37 Reddish brown  
40 Tires (out)  
42 Wettish  
43 Bury  
44 Irascible  
45 Dance lesson  
46 Catch sight of  
48 Brady and Brees, for ex.

- 49 Last (Abbr.)  
50 Listener  
51 Tackle moguls

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♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 This is the ideal time to think of ways to reduce your chores and improve your health.  
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♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You may find it hard to ask for assistance but ask you must because if you go it alone over the holiday period you could find yourself in a bit of a muddle.  
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♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't snap at people who try to cheer you up — they mean well.  
♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. This is a good day to contact friends and relatives and plan a get-together.  
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